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Newsletter

LB Sustainability

Programs in Numbers 2017

Mulch Delivery & Pickup:

631 Deliveries
4,331 since 2010
374 Tons
2,662 since 2010

Parkway Tree Planting:

173 trees planted
1,716 since 2011

Compost Pilot Program:

81.3 tons
252 since 2014

Edible Garden Food Donations

90.6 pounds
881 since 2011



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Long Beach Sustainability in 2017

2017 was a good year for sustainability in Long Beach. Our office's fieldwork programs provided resources to residents to make their homes and neighborhoods more sustainable. Sustainability field staff planted 173 trees, delivered 374 tons of mulch to residents and local organizations, and picked up over 81 tons of compost from local businesses. In addition, monthly edible garden workshops were restarted, teaching residents how to grow organic healthy produce in whatever space they have available, and our edible garden donated over 90 pounds of produce to local organizations. We look forward to continuing these programs in 2018!

In 2017, the Office of Sustainability also partnered with the department of Parks, Recreation & Marine to restore 12 acres of park land at Willow Springs Park with wetland and coastal sage scrub native plants and trees. The restoration area opened to the public in October, and recent rains filled wetland restoration areas with water for the first time. The restoration includes a 1/3 mile walking path through the restoration areas to the stormwater detention basin. Visit the park and walk down the path to see how the rain will transform the landscape. Access the park from 2755 Orange Avenue.

Last year our office also hired Blanca Diaz to establish the Native Plant Nursery at Willow Springs Park and assist with maintenance of the park's native landscape. The Nursery will support the native landscape at the park and provide plants for other City projects. Establishing more native plants in Long Beach provides habitats for Californian wildlife, and supports our local ecosystem. We look forward to growing the nursery in 2018 and hosting workshops where the public can learn about native California plants and ecosystems.

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Commissioner Spotlight

Meet the newest member of the Sustainable City Commission representing District 7.



Rey Gonzales is excited to serve the City of Long Beach as a Sustainable City Commissioner. He has lived in the city for six years with his wife Adrianna and daughter Sophia. Commissioner Gonzales has a BS in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona and a MPA from Cal State University, Northridge. He has worked for SCE the last eight years as an Environmental Project Manager and offers the city over 20 years of highly responsible experience in city planning, project management, community outreach, and environmental law. He looks forward to advising the City Council on environmental issues and continuing to transform the City of Long Beach into a sustainable community.



New In 2018

The Office of Sustainability has big plans for 2018! The full Work Plan is available on our website (sustainablelb.com), and was approved by City Council in December, 2017. Sustainability plans to continue ongoing programs providing services to residents, as well as take on a few notable additions:

Residential GHG Reduction

Pilot: This program will provide workshops for home owners and home buyers in Long Beach to showcase the benefits of energy efficiency and financing options that make these home upgrades accessible and affordable.

UAIZ: The Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones Program officially launched in November, 2017, but with so little time remaining in the year, the real work will begin in 2018 to bring agricultural projects and programs to vacant lots throughout Long Beach. For more information visit bit.ly/UAIZforLB

Green Business Recognition: This program originally launched in 2011, but our office is revamping it to re-launch this year with more benefits to participating businesses and more assistance and incentives to achieve environmental goals.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @lbsustainability for updates on programs as they launch and reach new milestones.

Garden Workshops

Don't miss the upcoming Edible Garden Workshop! To RSVP or for ADA arrangements, contact Kelsey. Forster@longbeach.gov.

Monday Feb 5th, 11-12:
Making Herbal Extracts

The Civic Center Edible Garden is located at the Civic Center Plaza at 333 W Ocean Blvd. enter the plaza from Ocean and go up the stairs through the first gate on the right.

EV Charger Giveaway

The City of Long Beach received a donation of electric vehicle chargers from Mercedes Benz. Residents who own or lease an EV may be eligible for a free charger.

Apply for your FREE EV charger online at
<http://bit.ly/EVgiveaway>

Recipients will be responsible for any and all related expenses, including City permit and inspection fees.



Sustainability Spotlight

We work hard at the Office of Sustainability to make Long Beach a more sustainable city, but we're not the only ones making progress. The Sustainability Spotlight series was created to highlight the great efforts towards sustainability across City departments and community organizations.

PORTS OF LB AND LA UPDATE THE CLEAN AIR ACTION PLAN: The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles have updated their joint Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) with goals extending through 2050. The two ports have already seen incredible reductions in emissions since the inaugural CAAP was created in 2006. The boards of the Port of Long Beach and Los Angeles held a joint meeting on November 2nd where they unanimously approved the 2017 CAAP Update. "These new policies and strategies are some of the most progressive air quality rules in the nation," said Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia.

HOLIDAY TREE RECYCLING: Keep the memories, recycle the tree – that's what the Department of Public Works, Environmental Services Bureau (ESB) is asking residents to do this holiday season. Every year, thousands of trees are brought into Long Beach to decorate homes and offices. The City doesn't want these trees to go to waste, taking up space and generating emissions in landfills. Most of the recycled trees go to a local facility, where they are transported to be chipped and turned into mulch. The remainder are sent to a waste-to-energy location.

Climate Central: Energy Efficiency

Is your home energy efficient? Buildings are the second largest source of GHG emissions behind transportation because of their energy use. With energy efficiency upgrades, single family homes reduce energy costs and improve indoor air quality and comfort. Here are a few things to know:



- Hire a HERS rater to find out how efficient your home is and what impact efficiency upgrades could have
- Find financing options for efficiency upgrades online at www.GoGreenFinancing.com
- You may also be eligible for rebates from Energy Upgrade California (www.energyupgradeca.org)

Our Team

Meet the founder and head of the Office of Sustainability:



Larry Rich is Long Beach's Sustainability Coordinator. He helped create the Office of Sustainability in 2008 and continues to run it today. Larry has worked for the City of Long Beach since 1991, when he started as an intern in the Economic Development Bureau. Prior to coming to the Office of Sustainability, Larry worked in the Department of Development Services as a Planner in the Long Range Planning Division.

Larry has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography with an emphasis in Urban and Regional Studies from California State University, Long Beach. Larry is also a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accredited Professional with the U.S. Green Building Council.

Sustainable City Commission Meetings

Every fourth Thursday at 4:00pm in City Council Chambers.

January 25, 2018

Presentations: Long Beach Environmental Services Bureau on waste reduction, and Marcia Tolentino on energy efficient homes.

February 10, 2018

Sustainable City Commission Retreat - offsite location

March 22, 2018

Presentations: TBD

Upcoming Events

Thursday January 25, 2018

- 8:00am: Cal Heights Clean Streets litter clean up
- 11:30am: Green Acres Farmers Market - Spring and Clark
- 3:00pm: Uptown Certified Farmers Market - 46th and Atlantic
- 4:00pm: Sustainable City Commission - City Council Chambers

Friday January 26, 2018

- 9:00am: Lincoln Spring Farm Stand
- 10:00am: Downtown Long Beach Farmers Market - 275 E 4th St

Join us at the Longview Litter Patrol

The first Friday of each month the Office of Sustainability teams up with volunteers to take care of this section of Willow Springs Park. Join us for the next event:

February 2nd 3-4 pm, at 2755 Orange Avenue.

Find more sustainable events in Long Beach on our Green Events Calendar at LBSustainability.com

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Long Beach Sustainability's Mission is to provide policies and programs that
Advance **environmental stewardship**,
Support **local sustainability practices**, &
Create a **more livable** and **resilient** Long Beach.

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